

Technology Infused Instruction

News, tips, and trends for teaching with technology

Wild About Wikis!

Have you ever looked something up on the Internet and ended up on Wikipedia? If so, then you have seen a prime example of a wiki at work. A wiki (short for the Hawaiian word “wiki wiki” which means “quick”) is a web-site that is collaboratively authored by multiple people. Everything that you see on Wikipedia was authored by Internet users at large.

So why get “wild” about them? Wikis are a wonderful (free) tool that can be used for a variety of purposes such as organizing an event, a central location for student collaborative projects, book studies, club activities, research compilation, “A,B,C” books, and the list goes on.

You’ll find the rest of the article as well as suggested reading links [online](#).



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[Technology Infused Professional Learning Opportunities](#)

A variety of courses utilizing **FREE web-based software tools**.

For **course descriptions** and registration information, [click here](#).

Forms on the fly!

Have you ever needed to quickly collect data? What about managing a sign-up process for a course or other event? Are you tired of sending out and compiling paper-based surveys and forms? If so, then Google has come to the rescue once again and it’s incredibly easy to use.

Try this [simple survey](#) and in five minutes, you can see the [embedded results](#) in this wiki page or view there [here](#).

Cool Tools : Utterz

[Utterz](#) is a web-based application that allows you to call in and record an audio “post” to your blog or send a picture to your flickr account. It’s a toll-based call, but if your cell phone account has free long-distance then it’s not a problem. So how can you use it? For one, try posting your daily homework assignments, classroom announcements, sports practice schedules, etc to your Utterz account. Students can log into your blog or go to Utterz and hear what you’ve posted. If you’re glued to your phone, it’s a great way to keep parents and students connected to what’s going on.

You can hear my sample Utterz [on my blog](#). A few minutes after calling in, it posted and then I logged in to add the text afterwards.

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Is someone doing great things instructionally with technology? We’d love to share it! Email [Caroline](#) with the details.

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